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EXECUTIVE COM. WILLIAMS D. A. HELD MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

Arrangements made to Entertain El Paso Excursionists on Next Sunday Night—Committee Accepts James' Proposition

The Executive Committee of the Williams Development Association met at the Forest Office Tuesday night with five members present and members of the publicity committee also present. Arrangements were made to entertain the members of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce and the army band, who will come in on the Push special Sunday night at 7:30. Seventy members are with the special and the band has 25 pieces. The band will entertain the Williams public with some of their best selections. The plan is to have the Barnes Boys' Band meet the delegation at the train and escort them up town. If the weather is favorable, the army band will then give an open air concert from the band stand, otherwise they will go to the schoolhouse. The El Paso people will remain in Williams over night and go on to the Canyon the following morning.

The Members of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce wish very much to meet Williams business men and the Williams Development Association will do all it can to bring about such meeting. They wish Williams business men to assist in extending the glad hand to the visitors and in creating a favorable impression of the town.

The following Reception committee has been appointed to have charge of the arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors:

R. C. Wente, Chairman
Jerrie Lee
C. W. Elliott
W. M. Hughes
Jerry Duffy
J. E. Ruffin
I. P. McConkey
Jas. Kennedy
B. F. Sweetwood
W. C. Rittenhouse
McD. Robinson
Martin Buggeln
Geo. Baumgartner
Edwin Johnson
F. M. Gold
E. J. Nordyke
Geo. W. Mathews
F. E. Wells
C. B. Williams

Another matter taken up by the Committee was the proposal made by George Wharton James, to include a chapter on Williams in his book on Arizona. A number of the committee together with several others had met with Mr. James at the Fra Marcos last Saturday to discuss this subject with Mr. James. At that meeting 56 subscriptions had been secured without solicitation and hence it was felt by the Committee that the securing of the remaining forty-four ought to prove an easy matter. The committee accordingly formally accepted the proposition made by Mr. James and agreed to stand good for the subscriptions yet needed.

After a lively discussion of roads and other matters the Committee adjourned.

CONGRESSMEN TO VISIT INDIAN RESERVATIONS

The members of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the House of Representatives who were elected to the 65th Congress have recently departed from Washington on a tour of investigation which will include most of the Indian Reservations in the Southern and the Southwestern states. The condition of the Seminole Indians in Florida will be looked into first, and then the Choctaws of Mississippi will be looked over. The Committee will then proceed to Oklahoma where the large and varied interests of the Indians of the State will receive attention.

After leaving Oklahoma the next stop will be in Arizona where the last week in March will be spent in traveling over the various reservations. Congressman Carl Hayden who will accompany the Committee on this tour, is particularly anxious to have a number of Indian irrigation projects in his State carefully investigated.

The following members of Congress will visit Arizona:

Chas. D. Carter, Okla.
Carl Hayden, Arizona
Patrick D. Norton, N. Dak.
John L. Tillman, Arkansas
Stephen W. Dempsey, N. Y.
Harry L. Gandy, S. Dakota
Royal C. Johnson, S. Dak.
Homer P. Snyder, N. Y.
Philip P. Campbell, Kans.
Franklin Ellsworth, Minn.

In addition to the members of the Committee the party includes Mr. Paul N. Humphrey, Clerk of the Committee on Indian Affairs, and Mr. H. B. Smith, Reporter.

It was hoped that more time could be spent by the Committee in obtaining first hand information about the conditions in the Indian country but the special session of Congress which will convene in April has compelled them to shorten their itinerary.

METHODIST NEWS

The evening service Sunday will be omitted on account of the band concert by the sixth Infantry Band of El Paso.

The Epworth League will meet at 4 p. m. Sunday on the hill beside the Santa Fe Dam. This will be the beginning of a series of open air meetings.

Will Raise Spuds and Beans

A. T. Keeslar stopped off in town Tuesday night, on his way to Flagstaff to be initiated into the Elks. Mr. Keeslar has just returned from wintering in the south, and will now go out to his homestead to get in the year's crops. His soil is in good condition. It is thoroly saturated and with this moisture conserved by cultivation, a good crop is almost certain. Mr. Keeslar plans on putting out fifteen acres of potatoes and fifteen or more acres of beans.

New Station at Chalender

A new ranger station is being built at Chalender with Ranger Christensen in charge of the work. There will be three buildings: a house, a barn and the post.

ADAMSON LAW UPHELD

Supreme Court Decides 5 to 4 That Law Is Constitutional—Railroads Concede Demands of Men—Yield to Patriotic Impulse

Monday, March 19, the Supreme Court of the United States reached a decision on the Adamson law and affirmed the constitutionality of the law by a majority of one, the vote standing five for the law and four against. The dissenting justices were Day, Pitney, Vandevanter and McReynolds. Chief Justice White delivered the majority opinion; Justices Pitney and Vandevanter stood together while Justices Day and McReynolds had each a separate opinion. The railroad managers granted the demands of the brotherhoods and averted the threatened strike. The news was communicated to railroad men and the strike was declared off.

New Justices Did It

The decision of the Supreme Court by a majority of only one makes it appear very probable that except for the new justices appointed by President Wilson the Adamson law would not have been sustained. The new Justices, Brandeis and Clark were reported to be radicals at the time of their appointment and, presumably friendly to labor. The dissenting justices had had long service with corporations before appointment to the Supreme Bench, and by virtue of business affiliations, would quite naturally view the legislation by which the Adamson law was enacted from the railroads' standpoint.

Decision Opportune

The Supreme Court decision has come quite opportunely for the reason that the country needs the friendly cooperation of all units in this hour of national peril. The strained relations with Germany which may eventuate in war at a moment's notice, demand that there shall be no internal troubles to claim attention. With the strike out of the way and good will prevailing everywhere, the government will be prepared to meet the issues presented by ruthless submarine warfare without embarrassment of any kind.

EASTER

April 8th is Easter Sunday. The M. E. Sunday School will observe the day. Program will commence at 10:30. Sunday School will convene at the usual time, 9:45. Come and enjoy the exercises by the little folks.

Mrs. Spear of Grand Canyon who has charge of the art department room at the El Tovar stopped over in Williams Sunday, on her way to the coast.

Miss Jean Clifford, Miss Selma Bush, Miss Goldrich, Jim Girdner and Earl Fortney visited the crater Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Henry Ritter has charge of the road work on the West end. This week they are working near Sweetwood's ranch.

Everyone should see the new school play, "Box and Fox" to be given in the school auditorium tomorrow night.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS

REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING MARCH 9, 1917

American Primary Grade
Miss Barbour, Teacher
Pupils neither absent nor tardy: Walter Davidson, Maynard Stover, Anna Margaret Benham, Vera Goss.

Pupils absent one day on account of deep snow: Carol Coleman, Corinne Hughes, Colleen Selman, Verna Simmons.

Honor pupils ranking 90 or above in all subjects: Howard Shaw, Ray McBride, Maynard Stover, Corinne Hughes, Carol Coleman, Vera Goss, Vivian Ellison.

The oil painting, "The Old Swimming Hole," and a half life size bust of the late James Whitcomb Riley were received from the Griendfield Art Association this week and placed in the American primary room. The pupils are very proud of them as they are the result of their selling the "Riley Buttons".

Parents and all others who are interested in the work of the Primary are cordially invited to visit this room at any time and see the work.

Mexican Primary Grade
Misses Dockstader and Ayers, Teachers

Pupils having perfect attendance for the month: Florencia Gonzalez, Edalia Ribera, Jesus Govea, Gregoria Govea.

Second Grade

Mrs. Barclay, Teacher
Those having perfect attendance were: Dermont Melick, Myrle Udine, Jesusita Suzada, Chonce Gonzalez.

Those on the honor roll were: Eddie Hoffmeyer, Dermont Melick, Myrle Udine, Robert Stevens, Emma Buss.

One new pupil: Howard Williams from Pasadena.

Third Grade

Miss Niles, Teacher
Pupils neither absent nor tardy for the month: Lolita Cardinas, Lucita Cardinas, Beate Baldez, Mabel Davidson, Catherine Miller, Carlyle Whaley, Barbara Wente, Spencer Nordyke, Malcolm Aquivona, James Callan, Clemente Vieloeas, Cecil Smith, Marvin Ellison, Kenneth Lebsch, Thomas Hughes.

Pupils having an average standing of 90 per cent for the month: Ernest Herrara, Carlyle Whaley, Malcom Aquivona, Roy Simmons, Dora Jenkins, Leandro Barraso.

The third grade pupils are collecting pictures, Dutch shoes etc., and had dutch stories and poems this month.

About half of the class made a grade of 100 per cent in the spelling test this month.

Fourth Grade

Miss Bush, Teacher
Pupils having perfect attendance this month: Charles Carder, Jerrie Duffield, Milo Mora, Harriet Lebsch, Zetta Ragan, Enid Reese, Martha Tyler, Ruby Udine, Leona Wolfe.

Honor Pupil Eugene Smith.

Fifth Grade

Miss Spyker, Teacher
Pupils on honor roll this month: Helen Beck, Minnie Hughes, Verdi Barnes, Junior McConkey.

Pupils barely missing honor roll: Nieves Gonzalez, Viola Seeger, Sylvia Scantlin, Fred Udine.

MEXICAN SITUATION AS SEEN BY WILLIAMS MAN

Says a World of Wealth Locked up By Lawlessness—Intervention Alone Will Restore Order, Stable Conditions Will Be Followed By Rapid Development Under American Rule

Mr. A. F. Polson has recently returned from the Mexican border where he went about 3 months ago to meet a former acquaintance who was interested in rich mineral deposits in old Mexico and especially in the Yaquis country.

Quite to Mr. Polson's surprise he learned that his friend had been dead for a considerable period and his trip was less eventful than he had hoped and expected. Mr. Polson is interested in mining and the lure of the hidden deposits of rich ore in Greaser land is quite irrestable and he had expected to consult with his friend and plan for future development of mines the location of which is no longer a matter of speculation. That point has been passed.

During his three months absence Mr. Polson visited several mining centers among them Phoenix, Tucson, Oracle, Nogales and others, but the border line was the chief attraction and to that line of demarcation which separates chronic lawlessness from law and order his mind stays and he longs for the time when a man may safely cross and engage in the development of Mexico's resources.

The trip which Mr. Polson made to the border was not his first. On the contrary, he has quite an extensive acquaintance with the country on either side of the line. Besides considerable knowledge of Mexican mineral deposits, Mr. Polson has equally definite knowledge of the stock and agricultural possibilities of that unhappy land. The immense unused domain of grazing lands appeal to him especially, since he is, himself, a stockman. As a stock country, Mexico has a decided advantage over the states across the line, Mr. Polson says. The grass of many varieties grows much more luxuriantly and it remains green thruout the year. The one disadvantage in some parts of the country is tick fever, but that can be combatted successfully if the stockman will go to a little expense to do it.

But what's the use! Mr. Polson says with a sigh. No man is going to risk cattle in Mexico while the bandits roam the country. Let the country get settled and he'll get a ranch in Mexico in short order, he says.

Sixth Grade

Miss McKelvey, Teacher
Pupils having perfect attendance: Charlie Carpenter, Percy Wolfe, Jesus Roman, Margaret Duffield, Mary McConkey, Regina Rosseau, Ruth Emerson, Ralph Emerson, Maxwell Parker, Charles Ross, Jessie Alexander.

Big American Dance, Williams Opera House, Saturday March 24. Music by Barnes Orchestra. Everybody welcome.

When asked about the prospect for settled conditions, Mr. Polson said "there is only one way and that is intervention." The peons have joined the robber bands and are faring better than they did on the haciendas as laborers and they no longer want to work. It will take a strong hand to bring order out of chaos, he says, and Mexico has no such hand. Uncle Sam can go in there and rehabilitate the country and the people would be grateful as soon as they saw the results. Mines would be opened and operated and ranches would be stocked and farms would be put in cultivation and the people would be put to work at good wages. Instead of suffering and want, there would be plenty and comfort.

And when you come to think of it, is it not quite possible that the man who knows Mexico as Mr. Polson does is better prepared to size up the situation and suggest the remedy than you or I.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Music Department of the Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Wente on Tuesday afternoon, March 27th, with Miss Anna Bigger as leader.

The following program will be rendered:

Subject—
Composers: Dudley Buck and Sydney Homer
Artists: Madam Nordica and Myron B. Whitney

Dudley Buck
Sketch of life, Mrs. Elliott

Songs—
Merry Brown Thrush, —Mrs. Orr

Where the Lindens Bloom, —Mrs. Rittenhouse

Sunset, —Mrs. Wells

Morning Land, Miss Bigger

My Redeemer And My Lord —Mrs. Lee

Robin Adair, —Quartette

Inst—
The Pilgrimage, (From the Golden Legend) Mrs. Lee

Myron B. Whitney
Sketch of Life, —Mrs. Sine

Sydney Homer
Sketch of Life, Mrs. Ferguson

Songs—
Way Down South, —Mrs. Wells

Will You Ferry Me Across The Water, Miss Bogger

Banjo Song, —Mrs. Elliott

The Requiem, —Mrs. Rittenhouse

Madam Nordica
Sketch of Life, Mrs. Robinson

The Song of Love, (Madam Nordica's prize song)

—Mrs. Elliott

WHOSE ROOM IS THIS?
See how this question is answered in "Box and Fox" to be given in the school auditorium by High School students on the 23rd. of March. Other interesting numbers to be presented will include a scarf drill a folk dance, chorus work and music by the school orchestra. Proceeds to be devoted to the basket ball association.

Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Mr. Harry Wade and wife are in from Anita this week.